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FUNDING OF KUKRAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped funding the Kukrail Project at Lucknow which is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a), (b) & (c) The Central Government provided financial assistance to the breeding facility at Kukrail, Lucknow under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for captive breeding of endangered species, for breeding and rehabilitation of Gharial till 1988-89 after which the scheme ended. Further, from 1987-88 onwards, under Ganga Action Plan Phase-I, a project for breeding of Freshwater Turtle for the purpose of releasing in the river Ganga was undertaken at Kukrail with the financial assistance provided by the Central Government. This project was also closed in 1996 after the evaluation, carried out by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, did not find it favourable.